



Town of Weare Conservation Commission

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – JULY 11, 2012 draft MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fulton at 7:06 pm

Member George Malette, Alternate Wendy Stevens, and Chairman Andy Fulton present

Alternate Ms. Stevens was appointed as voting member in absence of regular members.

I. Review of minutes of June 13, 2012 meeting held over for August

II. No Planning Board items were discussed.

III. NH DES/WETLANDS BUREAU, ETC. CORRESPONDENCE discussed:

1. Notice of compliance and release of recordation for administrative order – Hebert, 279 South Stark Highway – informational only.

IV. OTHER ITEMS considered:

1. Andy mentioned that Bob Todd is to deliver a Town Forest ink-on-mylar from 1979 to the commission. He came across it while cleaning some files.
2. Easement for Chevy Hill/Oliphant project status discussed and all agreed that Andy should forward to BOS for review and approval for signature
3. Trails Committee proposal – Wendy and George discussed the merits of forming a subcommittee devoted to establishing and maintaining trails on Town conservation lands, citing at least four resident queries over the last few months. Andy voiced concern about the ability to attract and maintain volunteer interest focused on trails. George mentioned John McCausland's walking group as potentially helpful. All agreed that further consideration with a full commission is warranted.
4. Andy informed the commission that he received a call from Will Middlebrook on behalf of the PLC stating their concern that Noah Payeur receive support for his Boy Scout Eagle project. George and Wendy related that the commission was quite supportive of Noah at the June meeting and that the commission voted to support the construction of an informational kiosk for Ferrin Pond at the east end of the Class VI portion of Mountain Road.
5. Andy informed the commission that the shed at 2435 Weare Rd. on edge of Eastman Conservation Area Town Forest was moved off the property line. Andy stated that he would inform PLC.
6. The commission decided to hold questions about forestry harvest plans until Jeremy Turner's anticipated presence at the August meeting.
7. The commission decided to invite Meridian to the August meeting to discuss the Mtn. Rd. stream crossing bid documents.

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8. Andy stated that he would contact Tom Carr regarding completing the SPNHF Collins Ledge CE 2012 monitoring forms.
9. The commission noted the Meridian statement of account and observed that the invoice in question had been approved for payment and delivered to Tina.
10. Andy briefed the commission regarding a potential land conservation project, 13 or 26 acres on Thorndike near Quaker St. The commission agreed that further consideration was warranted. Andy said that he would contact the commission if the landowner contacts him and is available for a site walk, potentially in early August.
11. George motioned and Wendy seconded to sponsor the \$75 fee for Andy's attendance at the July 25th Anatomy of a Drumlin Workshop – Weare Town Hall, NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists. The training fee will be paid from the commission's annual budget or Ciampi grant account.
12. George outlined the merits of establishing parking at the Eastman Conservation Area Town Forest log landing and the commission agreed that further discussion is warranted.
13. Wendy queried about the placement of conservation land RSA signs. The signs cite the RSA regarding improper use of motor vehicles in wetlands. The commission agreed that the best places to start posting the signs would be at Ferrin Pond and the Wood Family Forest. The commission was unable to locate nails that George had previously donated for such use.
14. George asked whether a work session to finalize the NRI was warranted. Andy mentioned that all was finalized and agreed to with the data and final product having been handed over to the commission. Wendy took possession of the commission's one bound report.
15. George mentioned that the Heritage Commission was planning a site walk to explore cellar holes in the Eastman Conservation Area Town Forest for either the first or second Saturday in August and that the commission's GPS unit might be helpful to document locations. Andy said that he would get the GPs to George before then.

Meeting closed by motion at 8:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew C. Fulton
Conservation Commission Chair